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NEW AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES FOR NINTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 41 new agricultural schemes proposed in the Ninth Plan, 18 schemes have not yet been approved by the Planning Commission despite this being the terminal year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this has greatly affected the achievements of the target of Ninth Plan in the Agriculture sector; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to get the remaining schemes cleared from the Planning Commission soon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The reasons for non clearance of some new schemes, inter-alia, are as follows:-

(i) Lack of concurrence of the Planning Commission,

(ii) Delay in obtaining approval of Full Planning Commission,

(iii) Revision of Memoranda for Expenditure Finance Committee based on comments of appraisal Agencies,

(iv) Convergence of schemes having similar objectives/components as those already in existence in other Departments, or within the Department,

(v) Dropping of schemes for various reasons including shift in priorities.

(c)&(d): All efforts are being made to get the requisite clearances for commencing implementation of the remaining Schemes. The delay in operationalising some of the Schemes proposed in the Ninth Plan may affect the achievement of Plan targets.